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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Chou's Message

It did not take anti-Communist observers at Bandung long to imagine that they had "seen through" Mr Chou En-lai's brief, almost perfidious peace message to America on Saturday; it was, they said, ambiguous, platitudinous, aimed at appeasing sceptical delegates at the Afro-Asian talks rather than convincing Washington and was very probably insincere. That assessment may be correct, even realistic if the ulterior motive is accepted.

As it stands, Mr Chou's bald statement of principle appears superficially as a welcome change to the belligerent and truculent attitude formerly adopted by Peking on this question, and its sincerity or insincerity depends entirely upon the interpretation put upon it. His qualifying remarks in Bandung yesterday tend to promote suspicions that it may only have been a propaganda move. A first need, therefore, is that China should amplify and clarify its intentions.

If a ceasefire is to be discussed then the meeting must naturally include the two civil war combatants—the Communists and the Nationalists. But at this point it is possible to understand the shrewd realism of Mr Chou's appeal. America, as President Eisenhower has often said, would gladly welcome an end to the present tension. But this cannot be said of the Nationalists.

Their raison d'être is not merely to endure a precarious survival on Formosa. It is, in the words of all leading Nationalists, to return to the mainland. In their eyes a ceasefire would be the first stage to an ignominious retirement and it would amount to a complete renunciation of their claims to the mainland government and a denial of their justification to remain on Formosa. It would seem, therefore, that if the Communists genuinely wanted a ceasefire there would be far more point in dealing with America, rather than the recalcitrant Nationalists.

There is another aspect: Mr Chou's statement may be genuine. In which case it requires careful examination by America. If it is felt China is sincere, there is every justification for putting world peace above the aspirations of the Kuomintang.

Legally, Washington is right in insisting on the Nationalists' attendance at any talks on Formosa's future but it would be their duty at the same time to ensure a successful outcome of the negotiations by impressing upon Taipei the urgency and potential danger of the present situation. A reasonable observation would be that the Nationalists would not succumb to this view easily and that if the Americans attempted to convince them of the justice of the Western allies' cause, it would be an extremely difficult undertaking. But not, in the long run, impossible.

It was foolish of Mr Chou to qualify his statement yesterday to the effect that a Formosa settlement would not necessarily bring an end to tension. That statement, which amounts to a virtual contradiction of his earlier message, has possibly cost him a lot of the Asian sympathy he gained the day before. It suggests, too, that Peking is scrambling to retrieve its former position of determination at least for the time being. Formosa's future, however, must be settled in a final agreement with the Western Powers and it would be wrong for either China or America to prejudge that event.

"Ease Tension" Talks Dominant Subject In Washington, London, Moscow and Bandung

REACTIONS TO OFFERS BY CHOU AND BULGANIN

THE QUESTION OF EAST AND WEST TALKS ON A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS DESIGNED TO EASE WORLD TENSION WAS LAST NIGHT DOMINATING DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN SEVERAL CAPITALS, IMPORTANT REACTIONS BOTH TO CHOU EN-LAI'S SUGGESTION THAT COMMUNIST CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF FORMOSA, AND TO MARSHAL BUGANIN'S INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE WEST. COMING FROM WASHINGTON AND LONDON, SIR ANTHONY EDEN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY BOTH STATEMENTS, AND IN WASHINGTON THE SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE THAT ANOTHER INVITATION MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO PEKING TO ATTEND A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO SETTLE THE FUTURE OF FORMOSA. BELOW ARE STORIES CABLED FROM VARIOUS WORLD CENTRES ON THESE SUBJECTS.

Eden Considers Statements Are Significant

London, Apr. 24.

An authoritative source said here today Sir Anthony Eden held as "significant" statements by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Chou En-lai, the Soviet and Communist Chinese Premiers, indicating willingness to negotiate with the West.

The Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, have together studied the fullest available reports of Marshal Bulganin's statement to reporters in Moscow, and Mr Chou's speech in Bandung.

Report received in London of Marshal Bulganin's remarks differed in emphasis on whether he was referring to a Big Four meeting of heads of government or normal diplomatic negotiations.

It was said that Britain would be glad to take part in talks if they were to be arranged between heads of government or foreign ministers.

Discussions about this are expected to take place between the Western allies within the next week or two.

Diplomatic observers here said the anxiety of the government to make its receptiveness to any overtures might, in part, stem from parliamentary considerations.

Ever since Sir Anthony Eden—known to be less enthusiastic about talks "at the summit" than was Sir Winston Churchill—had taken over the premiership, he had been charged by the Labour opposition with failing to pursue the initiative of his illustrious predecessor.

With a general election due next month, the government was determined to do all it could to show that the allegations were unfounded.

DISCUSSIONS

The Western consultations, mentioned by the Foreign Office today, include a conference of British, French, American and West German officials starting on Wednesday, and talks among the Western ministers themselves in Paris in the first week of May.

The Western officials will be meeting as a "study group" to prepare for possible high-level negotiations with Russia about the re-unification of Germany and European security.

Their tasks will be to draft recommendations to their governments about the terms on which the West should approach Moscow for a foreign ministers' meeting, and a detailed brief for the Western ministers to use at such a conference.

WELCOMED

The declared willingness of Mr Chou to discuss the Formosa Straits crisis with the United States was welcomed by official quarters as a welcome sign that the past infringement of the Peking Government might be giving way to a more conciliatory attitude.

But Britain fully supports the American view that Nationalist China must be a party to any negotiations about the fate of the Formosa Islands.

It was noted here that Mr Chou said nothing to indicate a modification of his past refusal to deal with the Nationalists.

Official sources here do not however regard this or today's Nationalist Chinese statement as particularly significant as insuperable obstacles.

It was recalled that this had long been the declared attitude of Nationalist China but that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek relented when he was asked to agree to Communist China's attendance at the United Nations Security Council debate on Formosa.

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FLYNN PAYS UP

Santa Monica, Apr. 24. Film star Errol Flynn has paid \$10,000 to his former wife, Nora Eddington, who brought a court action against him for arrears in support payments for their two children.

The money covered payments over the past 18 months for the two children, Delice, 11, and Ruby, 6. Reuter

Chou And Menon Meeting Today

Bandung, Apr. 25.

Chou En-lai and Krishna Menon, India's top foreign affairs expert, will today, Monday, discuss United States reaction to Communist China's proposal for Formosa negotiations, usually relied upon sources said.

The Chinese Communist Prime Minister last night again expressed his willingness to sit down and enter into negotiations "with the United States" to settle the question of relaxing and eliminating tension in the Taiwan area.

His reiteration came in his speech to the final session of the Asian-African conference a few hours after United States reaction was known here.

But Chou En-lai made no reference to the American State Department's statement which insisted that Nationalist China must be an equal party to any negotiations.

NOT A REJECTION

He did, however, add that any negotiations "should not in the slightest degree affect demands of the Chinese people to exercise their sovereign rights" in liberating Taiwan.

Diplomatic observers wondered whether he made this assertion at this stage.

Mr Mohammed Ali, Pakistan's Prime Minister, said yesterday he did not consider the United States reaction a "total rejection."

He thought that the United States was anxious to have evidence of China's sincerity and wanted a "psychological atmosphere" to be created for friendly negotiations.

The American statement, in fact listed some ways in which China could give this evidence. It was now for Chou En-lai to make the next move, the observers thought, and said that the next few weeks would show whether or not the door was closed. Reuter

Reprise For

613 Austrians

Moscow, Apr. 24.

The President of the Supreme Soviet has agreed to repatriate 613 Austrian citizens serving terms of imprisonment in the Soviet Union, the Soviet news agency Tass, reported today.

Though cautious about prospects of a quick Formosa settlement, the majority opinion among American and friendly diplomats was that Mr Chou's offer represented the first big break since the threat of war over Formosa and the offshore islands started building up last September.

A RETREAT

The Communist Premier's offer was seen as a retreat from the policy his country had uncompromisingly followed for months, rejecting all suggestions for mediation on Formosa as an infringement of sovereign rights. He still maintains that his country retains the right to "liberate" Formosa.

In analyzing motives for Mr Chou's move, some diplomats suggested that the critical climate at the Bandung Afro-Asian conference

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Tokyo, Apr. 24. The Japanese procurator's office today indicted three gaoi guards on a charge of allegedly beating a prisoner to death.

Three guards of Kusshiro gaoi in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, were accused of beating up Kaito Ichikaki, 44. They were also accused of standing him under cold water showers in winter.

Ichikaki died last March due to internal hemorrhage, police said. China Mail Special.

Gang Who Slew Boys Captured

Nairobi, Apr. 24. Troops and police today captured ten Mau Mau—including three women and two children—believed to be members of the gang responsible for the killing of two British schoolboys on the outskirts of Nairobi last week, police said here tonight.

The gang were all Kikuyu. One of the women, had an air rifle belonging to the younger of the two boys, the police said.

Two homemade guns and some ammunition were also recovered.

The gangsters were cornered and captured after a daylong hunt in and around the European suburb of Spring Valley. Four were wounded and the remainder captured unharmed.

One gangster was shot and captured almost on the doorstep of a group of European-occupied houses where families and children were playing in the gardens.

A senior police officer said here tonight: "We have got the gang responsible for the schoolboy murders."

Terrorists clashed and stabbed to death the two boys—13-year-old Christopher Twomey and 15-year-old Geoffrey Dunby—in the Ruaraka area seven miles north of here last Wednesday. Reuter

MINISTER TO GO ON TOUR

London, Apr. 24. The Earl of Home, Britain's new Commonwealth Relations Minister, plans to leave on an extended tour of the Commonwealth after parliament has risen in August, it was officially announced today.

He will first visit Australia and New Zealand and hopes to visit other Commonwealth countries on his way home, the announcement added. A further announcement will be made later.

The 51-year-old Earl, formerly Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was given the new post by Sir Anthony Eden when the new Prime Minister slightly reshuffled his Cabinet after taking over from Sir Winston Churchill.

The Earl of Home's appointment on April 3 was followed by attacks in Australian newspapers, which complained that the new minister had no firsthand knowledge of Commonwealth countries. Reuter

Baby Saved From Death

King's Lynn, Apr. 24. An 18-month-old baby was lifted from her pram today a few minutes before a truck, carrying 3,600 gallons of jet fuel, ran off the road and crushed it against the wall of a block of flats.

The driver of the 18-ton tanker escaped with bruised China Mail Special.

Damascus, Apr. 24. Wassel Hourani, brother of the "Arab Resurrection-Socialist Party leader" Akram Hourani, died in an Aleppo Hospital today from wounds received last Sunday in a clash between Party members and the family of the deposed Syrian President Brigadier-General Adib Shishakli.

During the clash at Hama, 80 miles south of Aleppo, Ghaleb Shishakli, a former parliamentary deputy and a cousin of the ex-president, was killed.

Brigadier Shishakli was exiled a year ago after being overthrown by the Army, which restored President Hashem el Atassi, whom Shishakli had ousted in 1951. Reuter

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Stole Punt Trying To Join Legion

Dover, Apr. 24. Two 22-year-old men were put on probation here yesterday for stealing a punt to get to France and join the Foreign Legion.

Police said the men got lost in mist and the punt grounded on the Goodwin Sands. They had to be towed back to shore. China Mail Special.

London Drought

London, Apr. 24. The official drought in the London area continued today. Drought occurs when 15 consecutive days pass without 0.1 in. of rain being recorded.

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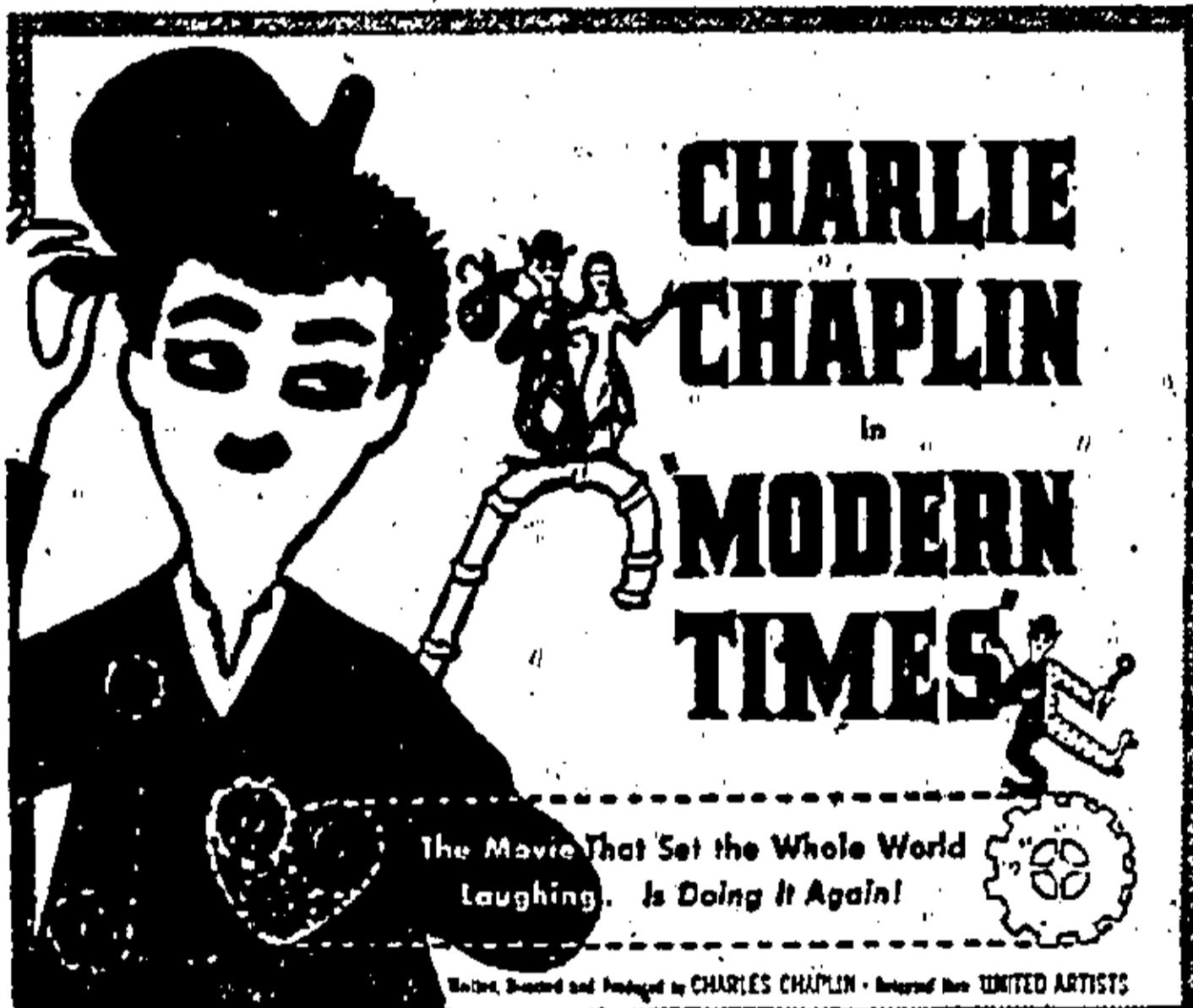
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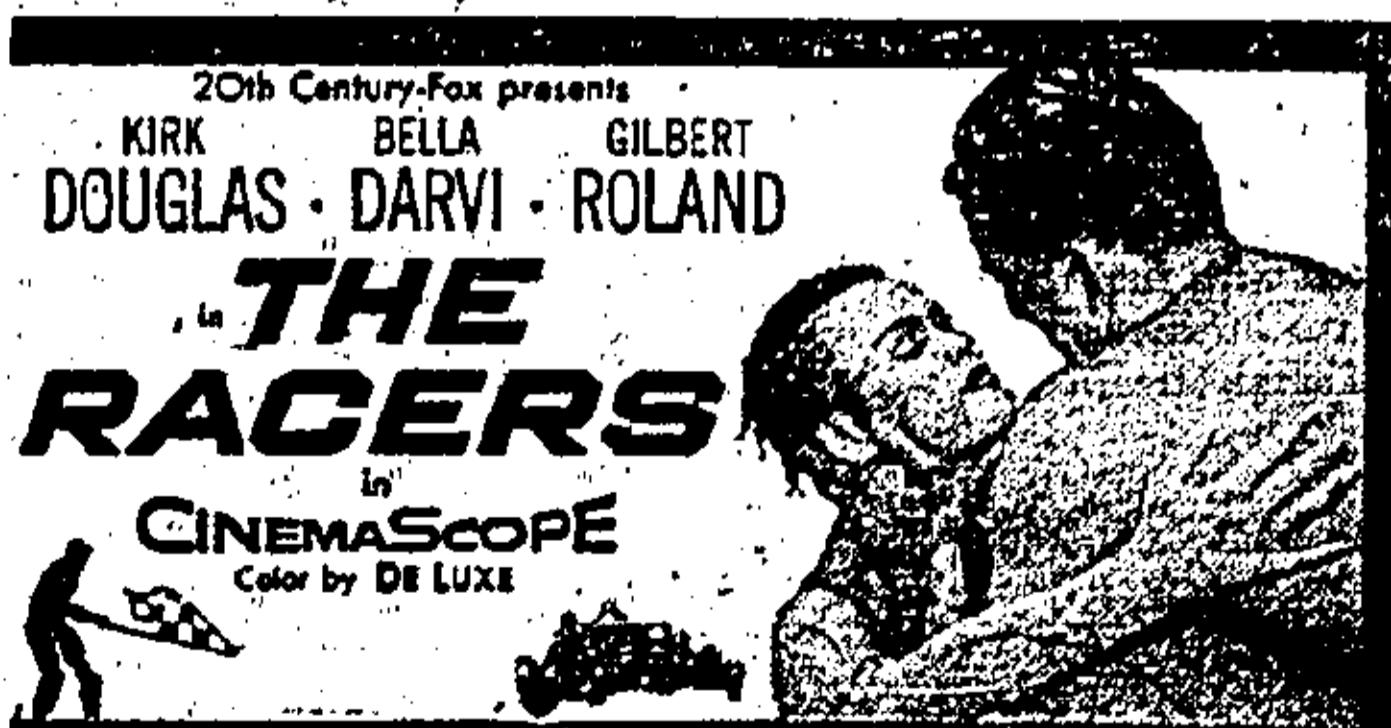
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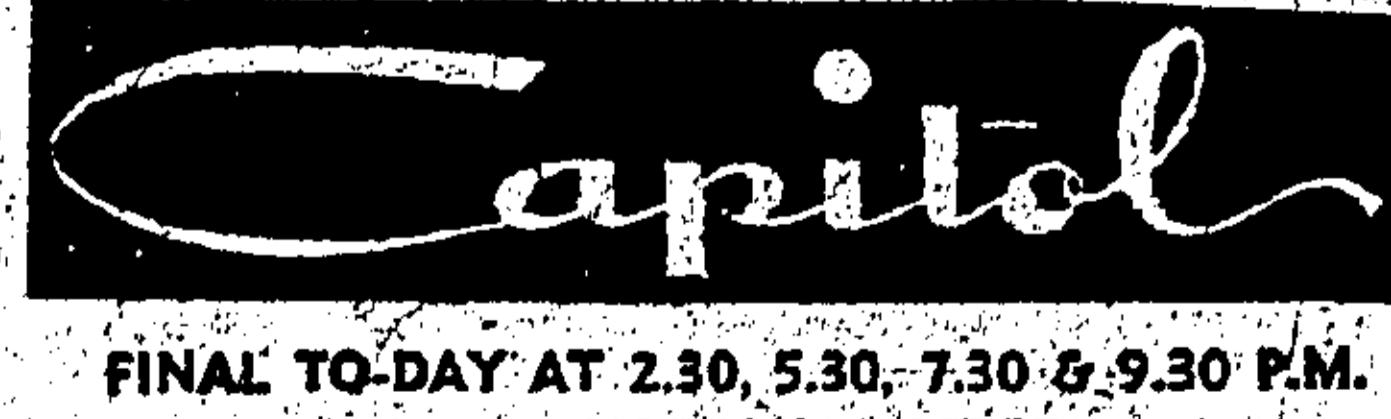
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Bridegroom Stole Car And Missed Wedding

Paris, Apr. 24. Looking very dignified with a tricolour sash across his stomach, the Mayor of Lucon, Western France, was waiting to marry Albert Seguin and his bride, Marie.

All the guests were assembled there. The ceremony was to take place at ten o'clock in the morning, but at eleven o'clock the couple had not yet appeared.

IMPATIENT

The Mayor was growing impatient when the bride's sister came in and said, "Sorry, Mr Mayor, but my sister and her bridegroom left home at nine o'clock and have not reappeared since."

"I am sorry, too," the Mayor said, "but I have other engagements and cannot wait any longer. I shall be free around four o'clock this afternoon and

if you can bring them, I shall be glad to marry them."

But at 4 p.m., the couple had not reappeared. It was only three days later that the family learned that Albert had been arrested. He had to buy a wedding ring for his bride but had no money. So he did not dare go to the wedding and instead he took the bride to his grandmother after "borrowing" a car which happened to be on his way.

He told his grandmother that the wedding had been duly performed but it was to escape the onion soup that he had fed according to a custom in certain French villages: guests at wedding bring onion soup to newly-married couples in their bedroom in the middle of the night.

For two days, they stayed at his grandmother's place, enjoying their undeserved honeymoon until Albert was arrested for the theft of a car. "They better marry rapidly," the parents said. "They are ridiculing us,"—France-Presse.

The three killed were a middle-aged farm couple, who died when their home on top of the Piney Grove Mountain was smashed, and a 10-year-old girl.

Witnesses said the funnel was "glowing red" from lightning inside its cone. The Alabama Highway Patrol estimated the property damage at \$250,000.—United Press.

TWO CHURCHES BLOWN AWAY

Chicago, Apr. 24. A storm front that touched off wind, rain and hailstorms moved eastward today, bringing warnings of possible tornadoes in Indiana and Michigan.

A tornado struck near Hartselle, Alabama, this morning, killing three persons and injuring 20 others.

At Richmond, Kentucky, a tornado swept through the campus of Eastern Kentucky State College, destroying one house, unroofing others and smashing windows.

Weekend weather violence stretched from Texas to Illinois, with tornadoes also reported at Clinton, Arkansas, near Tarkio, Missouri, and east of Wewoka, Oklahoma.

DUST CLOUDED SKIES

Winds hit peaks of 70 miles an hour at Guyman, Oklahoma, and dust clouded skies over Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, reducing visibility to zero in many places. The dust storms postponed baseball games in West Texas and New Mexico.

The tornado near Hartselle cut a path of damage a quarter of a mile wide and five miles long, destroying or damaging at least 10 homes. Two churches were blown away.

It was a gloomy Sunday almost everywhere. The Midwest was sunless and showers were reported over parts of New England, Virginia and Washington. There were snow and showers in Idaho and Montana.

Freezing temperatures were reported over most of the Nebraska panhandle. At Mullan Pass, Montana, it was 16 degrees.

The twister which struck near Hartselle dipped down across a small mountain range at Piney Grove and flattened homes and uprooted trees during a ten-mile march across rural flatlands. The "glowing red" tornado crushed down and left a path of destruction across rich farmlands.

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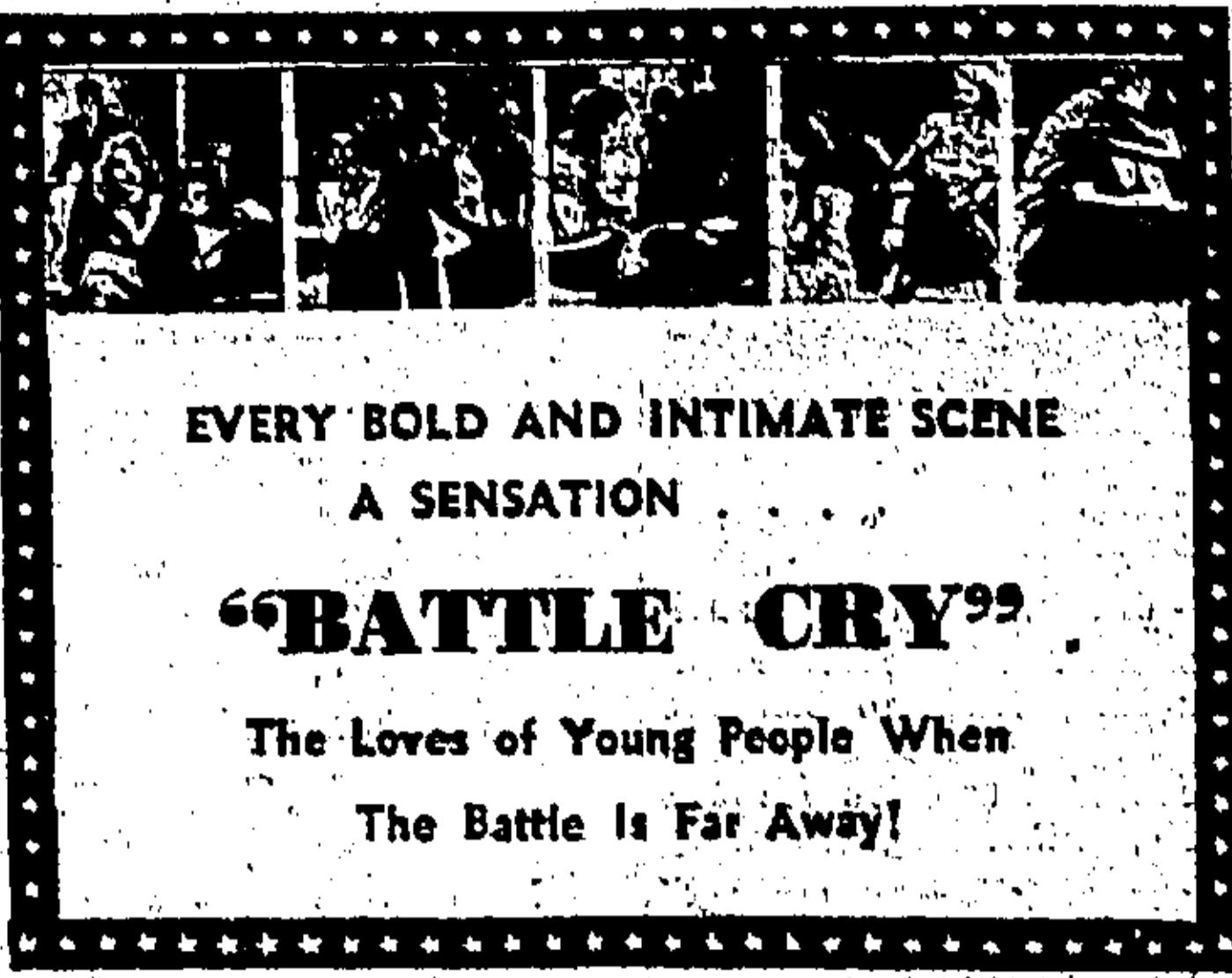
Mazin, Apr. 24. Seventy-five military experts from the eight Southeast Asia nations meet at Baguio tomorrow to discuss plans for strengthening the SEATO collective defence system set up at Manila last year.

The week's conference is being attended by Britain, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, France, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines.

Mr. Clark wears men's clothes, smokes a pipe, shaves twice a week and has a deep masculine voice.—China Mail Special.

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I cannot remember why I went off alone to Rennes, which was over 100 miles south of the old beachhead and deep in the American area.

I had some vaguely official reason but I rather imagine the main attraction was the thought of a long drive through open country, after weeks of sitting in the restricted area of the beachhead.

There was nothing pleasant about the early part of the journey through towns which had been in the front line since a few days after the invasion. St Lo was a pile of lifeless, horrible rubble, stinking of death. Not a soul seemed to be living there.

Then, suddenly, I was in an untouched country where the armoured columns had rumbled unhampered on their way, having broken clean through the lines, sending some German troops westwards to the Atlantic coast, others towards the Falaise gap, and leaving a harassed few wondering about not knowing where to go.

As I passed through the villages the inhabitants waved cheerfully, and I distinctly remember one touching sight—a very old lady, bent and crippled, standing alone at the cross-roads holding a little tricolour in her hand. She was too old to wave the flag, so she just stood there letting it flutter in the breeze!

"Oh, yes," she said, "it is my husband—he is doing

She was round and fat, with a bright red face, highly polished like an apple. I asked her whether I could spend the night there. She promptly agreed.

I managed to get the Jeep into the barn and joined her in the stone-flagged kitchen. There was a vegetable stew cooking on the stove. It smelled pleasant and appetising. She told me to make myself comfortable while she got me something to eat.

As I sat there I heard a strange, creaking cry from above me. I looked at the old woman, who was busying herself with the stew, but she took no notice. When the cry was repeated and thinking that she might be dead, I asked her whether she had heard it.

"Oh, yes," she said, "it is my

stranded Germans had been sitting here eating and drinking and, probably wondering where the devil to go next.

The old woman went upstairs and I heard her talking gently. When she reappeared she diffidently asked me whether I would mind coming up to the bedroom. Apparently he wanted to see me. The sick man lay in a large old-fashioned brass bedstead. His dead white hands fluttered helplessly outside the counterpane. She pointed to a large wardrobe as a place to hide, then left the room to meet three Germans who had emerged from the tank and were walking towards the house. They were all armed—one of them with a sub-machine gun.

He was muttering and moaning to himself as we came in but, hearing us, he turned his head and his eyes met mine. They were bloodshot and vacant, but I detected or imagined a detected look of desperate entreaty in them. His lips moved and he struggled to say something. I caught an odd word, here, and there—“Polson”—“pour les voitures”

“dinner de morte” but it was all quite unintelligible and only later did I realise all too clearly what he was trying to say.

“What will you do?” she asked.

I hesitated, then chose the better part of valour. But I felt myself blushing when I said: “I will hide up here for the time being—perhaps they won’t stay long.”

To my relief she nodded. I think she was relieved, too, having no desire to see the house turned into a battlefield.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Both Tables Had Similar Lead

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a recent team match the final contract was three no-trump at both tables. In both cases, also, the opening lead was a spade. Dummy played low, and East put up the ten of spades to force out the ace.

At the first table, South now tried out the clubs. When the suit failed to break declarer tried a heart finesse. West promptly took the queen of hearts and led another spade, whereupon East took four tricks to defeat the contract.

At the second table Ralph Cash, of Phoenix, took a better look at the club situation. He needed four club tricks to make his contract, and he could afford to lose one club trick to East in the process of developing the fourth trick for himself.

After a careful examination of the club spots, Cash led the nine of clubs from his hand, intending to let it ride for a finesse. He was willing to lose the trick

Just a second, I'll call him."

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THEY say that actors and actresses who are attacked at the first nights of films by angry crowds are beginning to blame the public for people who insist on their attendance?

Also they are threatening to fight back and are working out a policy of reprisals. Soon, under the picture of an actress, you will no longer see "Bonbon accepts a light from an uninvited spectator." Instead, it will read "Bonbon kicks back angry crowd." Mob routed by shrieking stars...

Your hat

I READ a description of a restaurant which "the cigar-room attendants are the politest in London." When you hand in your hat they take it with a smile that says: "Ah, this is the one hat we've been waiting for." And when you take it off, they sneer, call attention to a torn lining, and even blow the dust off the brim loudly and ostentatiously. Like a stockholder cooling his soup. When you leave the room, they hold it delicately with the tips of the fingers and suggesting with their digest that it's hardly worth giving back to you.

A tunnel in Kensington Gardens

WHEN the motorists all the fun in the world on their new roads, along which they will have to stop and knock up the dear old toll-keeper, slowly, with a warm smile, he comes out of his toll-booth, holding a stockholder cooling his soup. When you leave the room, he holds it delicately with the tips of the fingers and suggesting with their digest that it's hardly worth giving back to you.

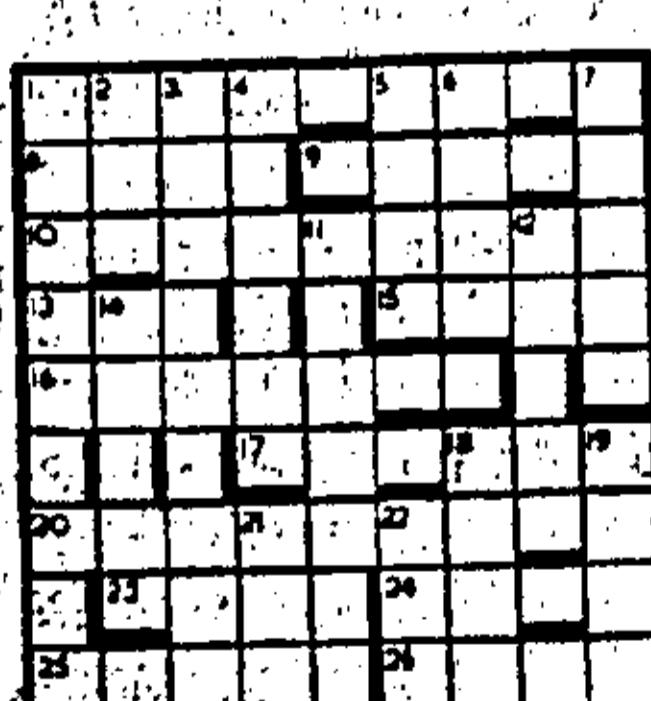
YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 25

BORN today, you have a just and firm nature which can sometimes get out of hand and turn you into a stubborn, pig-headed, tyrant. This can be avoided, however, if you will only be true to them, or others, a little more. Remember that there are always two sides to a question—and the opposite one. You and your wife, especially your parents, have their say, especially when your opinions will prove to be the right ones. Handling things the right way can make you more popular.

You members of the fair sex may be just as opinionated, but you are

CROSSWORD



TUESDAY, APRIL 26

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)—In need of advice, but don't make an effort. Don't make wild guesses; they might be wrong!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You may find it effective to revise your setting—tables and moderate them. Profits could secure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—It is a good opportunity presents itself today, do not hesitate to make an advantageous change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—If you are dull, invent something new to put up your job. In this case, South fully intended to let his card ride for a finesse if West happened to play low.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—If you have important work to do, you should do it now. This afternoon is, not as appropriate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—In need of advice, but don't make an effort this evening. You could make it a fine celebration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—Don't you feel that a well-organized pattern just now. Don't experiment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Everyone you worry does no one any good. Take things as they come, calmly and wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Be sure to use your best judgment when it comes to solving an important issue today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—Learning new techniques on your present job can pave the way for something better.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 18)—Things at home are likely to be in the spotlight, so you should be on the alert for possible trouble.

—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Club Pass 1 Diamond Pass

2 Clubs Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spade 8,

Heart 7, Diamonds A-Q-J-8-2,

Clubs A-2-5-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid four no-trump. You are willing to get to six clubs if North has one ace for the slam will at worst depend on the diamond finesse. If North has an aces hand, he will bid five clubs.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-10,

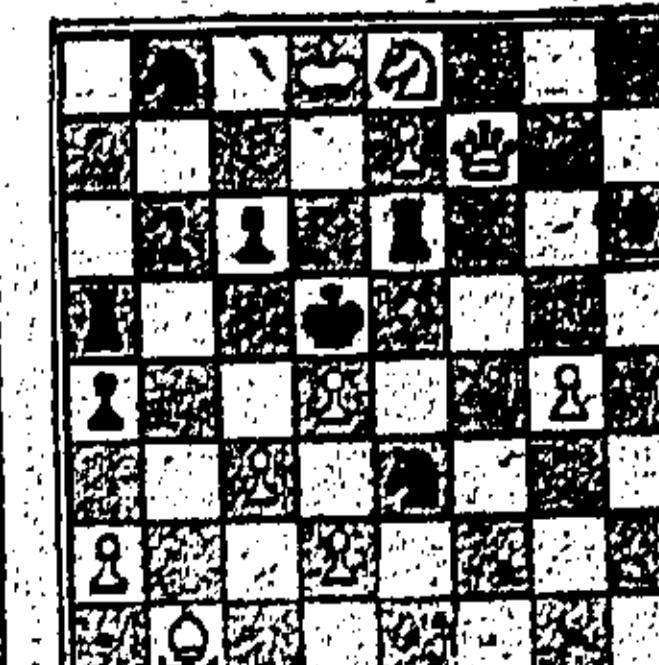
Hearts Q-10-7, Diamonds A-J-8-6-3, Clubs 9-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. W. DANIEL

Black, 9 pieces



White, 10 pieces

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q-Q2, King 2. Q-Q3, R-R8

1. (Q or R) mate.

Answer Tomorrow

WOMANSENSE

FINGER FOODS TO SERVE AT PARTIES OR PICNICS

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

FINGER foods are just with a savoury topping. What the name implies, French canapes usually have one end uncovered to fingers instead of a handle.

In polite society, they do not include chicken-in-the-rough, big hamburgers or pastry filled with ham or anchovy paste, and bite-sized cheese pies, served warm in paper cups.

"Other favourites are bite-sized cases of flaky

Correct the seasoning after mixing, using salt and pepper, lemon juice, Tabasco or herb salts.

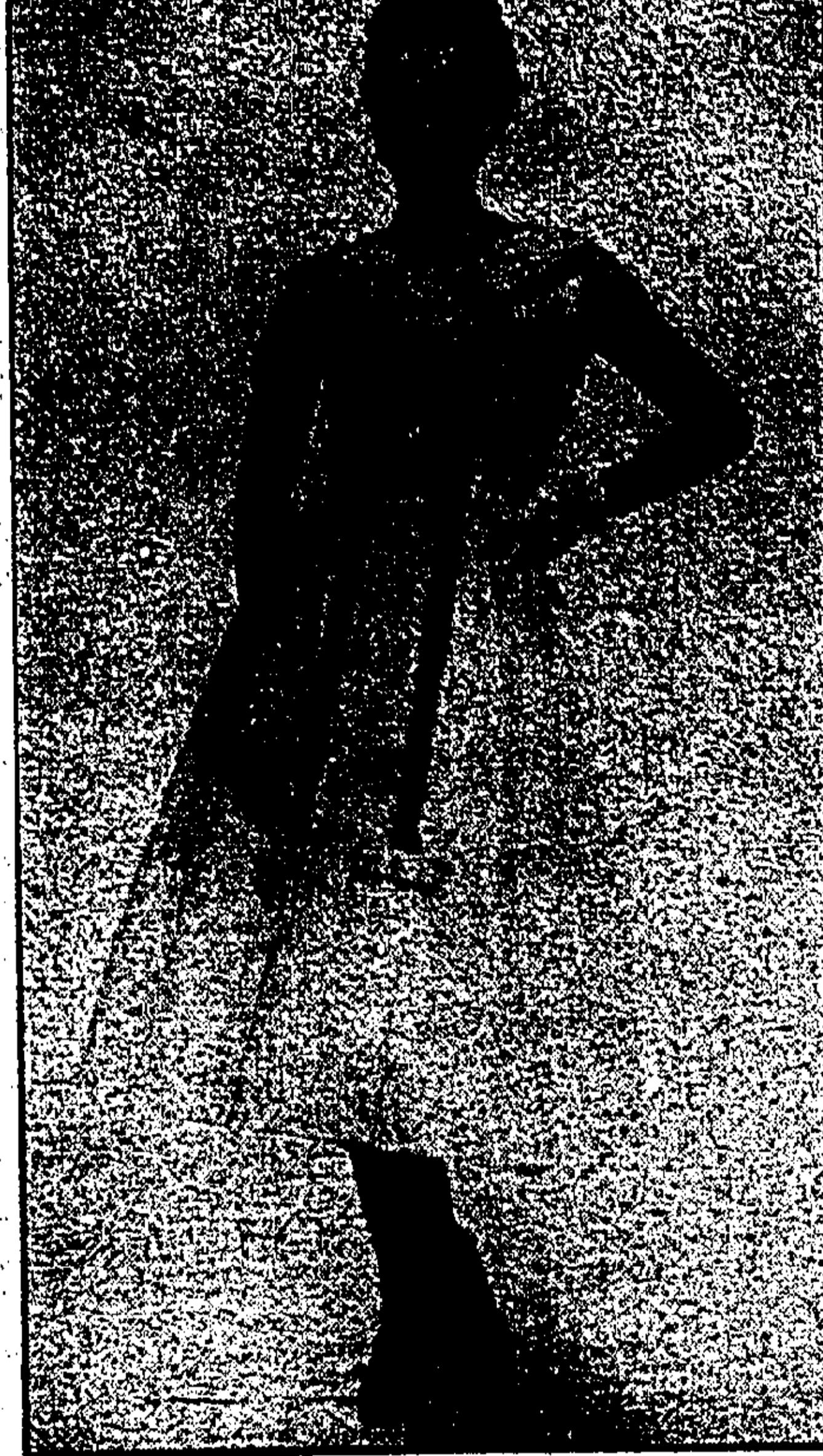
DINNER

Tomato Soup
Green Pepper German
Radish Scallions
Liver Saute
Browned Butter Lemon Sauce
Baked Ham-Brown Potatoes
Burrata Beans
Peach-Orange Gel
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Proportioned to Serve 10-12
Browned Butter Lemon
Sauce: Melt 1/2 c. butter, preferably whipped, stir until lightly browned. Add 1/2 c. lemon juice. Use the juice of 1/2 lemon. Use 1/2 c. water.

Evening Costume Of Distinction

Beltless Linen Dress



Carven created this beltless white linen dress for summer. Embroidered with pink motif, it has two wide pleats in front.

—Agence France-Presse.

Expert Chastises Parents Who Spank

Brookings, S.D.—MRS. Merle Genslins, family life specialist at South Dakota State College, says that parents may do more harm than good if they follow too closely the axiom, "spare the rod and spoil the child."

Mrs. Genslins said that authoritative or commanding parents either "develop a rebellious and defiant child or a meek and dependent child who never will be prepared to meet life."

She said parents should be more concerned with learning how to live with their children, and suggested that parents should:

1. Live compatibly with their families.
2. Understand their children and see through their eyes.
3. Be kind but firm in making requests.
4. Be consistent. —United Press.

to East, for then the rest of dummy's clubs would be good, and East couldn't run the spades while dummy had the spade queen.

As it happened, however, West covered the nine of clubs with the ten. Cash had to win with the eight of clubs, and East dropped the seven. This was one of the reasons that declarer had led the nine rather than a low club. He hoped to pick up a singleton eight or seven in the East hand.

The story has indicated a long and one in which you will progress by slow and steady stages toward a substantial success. Yours is not so much a life of spectacular achievement, but one concerned

with the development of your character.

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HKAAC PENTATHLON

MALCOLM MARSH WINS
THE BATTLE OF
THE ALL-ROUNDERS

By "RECORDER"

Malcolm Marsh won the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club's Third Annual Pentathlon Championship at Wah Yan College Kowloon yesterday with an impressive total of 2,456 points from Colin Brand (2,350) and Tsang Chun-him (2,336). The standard was the highest in the three years of this annual event and it is noteworthy that Samuel Lo in eighth place was only 511 points behind the winning total.

Tony Collaco, third in 1953 and runner-up last year, only managed sixth place, but he wasn't completely recovered from an injury. Stephen Xavier, who finished fourth with his best performance in three years, also had a game leg and was unable to go all out in the 440 Yards.

Tsang Chun-him led after two events with 1,059 points, ahead of Marsh's 945, Xavier's 945, Brand's 899 and Collaco's 870. This came as a surprise. Tsang, who had no particular reputation as a shotputter, won the event. The competitors were divided into two groups. Marsh, doing

the High Jump for his third event, cleared a useful 5 feet to reach 1,512 points while Brand, as expected, picked up in a laugh a minute pace and it was a most enjoyable afternoon. The final event was the Officials' 80 Yards in which the pre-race favorite, Mrs Van Vliet was beaten out by Mr. J. E. P. Blenkinsop, Father Lawler and Brother Conrad. Nobody is quite certain as to whether Mrs Van Vliet or Phil Ward was fourth, but the Hon. Secretary was undoubtedly last.

With humorists Curzon and Brand in their best mood the competition went through at a laugh a minute pace and it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

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There was no ball to beat and the starter even forgot to blow his whistle. In the circumstances, there can be no doubt that the whole field except for the Hon. Secretary and Mrs Van Vliet beat the whistle.

The only certain fact emerging from this race is that Mrs Van Vliet is faster than the Hon. Sec. but we doubt that she could sprint with a lighted cigarette in her mouth, while the Hon. Sec. undoubtedly can.

Mr. Blenkinsop's time was announced at 6.5 seconds, which was fast going other than for the fact that the timekeeper could not have pressed the button until some 10 yards had been covered.

The prize-removal of a humorous afternoon was Mike Curzon's "I only eat what Zapek eats" while waving away a particularly greasy looking cream cake.

Mrs P. H. Ward gave away the prizes, the J. A. C. Hurlburt Cup going to Malcolm Marsh.

THE SUMMARIES

Results, with points scored in brackets, were:

Long Jump—20.7 Malcolm Marsh (620); 20.5 Stephen Xavier (608); 19.4½ Tsang Chun-him (532); 18.9 Mike Curzon (492); 18.2½ Tony Collaco (455); 17.3 Samuel Lo (396); 17.1½ Colin Brand (388); 16.9½ Roy Bell (383); 16.5 Bruce Tulloch (347); 16.3 David Brice (291); 14.0 Frank Waller (206).

Shot Put—35.1½ Tsang (527); 35.4 Brand (511); 32.4 Bell (434); 31.8½ Collaco (415); 31.2 Marsh (406); 30.7 Curzon (392); 30.5 Lo (388); 28.3 Xavier (337); 26.7 Waller (299); 26.2 Brice (290); 18.3 Tulloch (125).

High Jump—5.7½ Tsang (680); 5.1 Lo (510); 5.0 Marsh (480); 4.9½ Collaco (418); 4.9 Xavier (412); 4.9 Curzon (412); 4.8 Brand (389); 4.8 Tulloch (389); 4.5½ Bell (329); 4.5 Brice (317); 4.5 Waller (317).

Javelin Throw—16.50 Brand (593); 11.90 Xavier (355); 11.54 Bell (337); 11.0 Colaco (313); 9.8½ Marsh (280); 8.1½ Lo (269); 8.32 Brice (195); 8.19 Waller (188); 7.10 Curzon (148); 7.10 Tsang (144); 4.6 Tulloch (49).

440 Yards—53.8 Curzon (693); 54.0 Marsh (684); 57.4 Bell (545); 55.5 Xavier (586); 59.4 Waller (476); 59.6 Brand (469); 60.3 Collaco (453); 60.2 Lo (450); 60.3 Tsang (447); 58.8 Tulloch (431); 64.0 Brice (342).

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Malcolm Marsh 2,456; 2. Colin Brand 2,350; 3. Tsang Chun-him (2,336); 4. Stephen Xavier (2,218); 5. Mike Curzon 2,137; 6. Tony Collaco 2,054; 7. Roy Bell 2,013; 8. Samuel Lo 1,941; 9. Frank Waller 1,486; 10. David Brice 1,435; 11. Bruce Tulloch 1,341.

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SING TAO 2, RAF 0

THE REFEREE SENT THE TEMPERAMENTAL TIGER BACK EARLY TO HIS DEN

By I.M. MacTAVISH

There was one Tiger back in his den before the end of this easygoing sort of match at the Club Stadium yesterday, and in the cause of justice let it be said that one of the airmen was very fortunate indeed that he too was not called upon to answer a premature 'return to base' signal.

The incident which marred the proceeding came late in the second half, and as so often happens, it started as an insignificant little affair and in seconds had burst into a major fracas. A high ball was lofted into the RAF defence lines and as Stoker went for it he was obviously impeded by Law Kwok-tai.

There was little to it and similar happenings have normally brought little more than a black scowl from the offended players... but in this case as the ball was cleared from the RAF end, Stoker — probably on the impulse of the moment — struck Law Kwok-tai in the centre of the back and sent him staggering forward.

The explosion that followed was almost inevitable. As soon as Stoker next received the ball Law was after him and with a vicious tackle and follow-through brought the airmen to the ground. Stoker's earlier indiscretion escaped the referee's notice because the ball was in flight to the other end of the field, but Law's effort was painfully crude and obvious and, with Referee Hancock right on the spot, marching orders were almost a mere formality.

Two wrongs have never made a right in football or anywhere else. There is no doubt whatever that Law Kwok-tai felt he

BEHRA WINS BORDEAUX GRAND PRIX

Bordeaux, Apr. 24. Jean Behra, the French ace, driving a Maserati today won the Bordeaux Grand Prix Motor Race here with Luigi Musso (Italy), in another Maserati, second.

Drivers covered 123 laps of a circuit giving a total distance of 302,750 kilometres (about 188 miles).

Maserati filled five of the first six positions. Roberto Mieres (Argentina) being third, Stirling Moss (England) fourth, Jean Manzon (France) fifth, and Prince Bira of Siam sixth.

Behra's time for the race was two hours 54 min 12.6sec, an average speed of 194.112 MPH, and he won by only 64.7 tenths of a second. Musso and Mieres finished wheel to wheel in the same time, though the Italian was placed second by a fraction — Reuter.

HKFA TEAMS

The following will represent the Club in league soccer matches tomorrow:

First XI v Police at Club ground kick-off 6 p.m.; Taylor, Bishop, Wright, Kinloch, McDonald, Pickering, Paton, O'Kelly, Gayne, Douglas, Gardner, Reserves, Planch, Barclay.

Second XI v CAA at Causeway Bay kick-off 6 p.m.; Jones, Beattie, Lishley, Lappage, Torgington, Planck, Barclay, Campbell, Babbs, Finney, Wake. Reserve: Fretwell.

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Foothalling prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail:

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed).....

.....China Mail Special



SCAA's Invitational Inter-School Athletic Meeting

Three records were broken during the first day of the Tenth Annual Inter-School Invitational Athletic Meeting organised by the South China Athletic Association at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The records to go by the board were those for the boys' 1,500 Metres and the girls' Shot Put and Discus throw.

The Director of Education, the Hon D.J.S. Crozier, opened the Meet, in which over 700 boys and girls from 33 different schools participated.

The second and last day of the Meet is scheduled for Sunday starting at 9 a.m.

Yesterday 12 finals were decided in the five different sections of the Meeting and of these the only track event final decided was the 1,500 Metres.

Running against 37 contestants in this race Chan Hung-man of New Method College led from start to finish. Chan was never really challenged for first position.

Major League Baseball

New York, Apr. 24. Major League baseball scores today were:

National League

Pittsburgh 11, R. H. E.

Philadelphia 1, 1, 8, 3

Surkont (1-2) and A. well

Cowers, Rizik (2), Kipper (4)

Cole (8) and Lopez (2)

Owens (0-2), HR: Ennis (2nd)

Cincinnati 1, 2, 4, 1

Chicago 2, 4, 1

Fowler, Lane (7) and Bailey

Landrith (7); Jones (2-1) and

Farming, LP: Fowler (0-4)

HR: Mikus (1st)

New York 11, 18, 0

Brooklyn 10, 12, 2

(10 innnings)

Liddle, Wilhelm (4), Corwin

(6), Grissom (7), Hearn (9)

Antonelli (10), Gomez (10)

and Westrum, Grasso (7), Katt (8)

Newcombe, Isbin (5), Looe

(7), Roebuck (10) and Cam-

panella (1)

WP: Hearn (2-0), LP: Loes

(0-1), HR: Reese (1st), Mays

(2, 1st and 2nd), Furillo (6th)

Dark (1st), King (1st)

American League

Chicago 3, 10, 0

Donovan, Dorish (5), Prince

(6), Chakales (8) and Lollar

Kellner (2-0) and Astro (LP)

Donovan (0-1)

Detroit 6, 6, 1

Lary (1-1) and Wilson, Score

Houleman (7), Newbouser (7)

Wynn (8) and Follie, Hegan

(8), LP: Score (1-1), HR

Dobby (3rd), Boone (3rd)

Washington 1, 6, 1

Baltimore 2, 8, 1

Pascoe, Portfield (8), Mc-

Dermott (10) and Edwards

Hoggin (1-1) and Smith, Mox

(10), LP: Portfield (2-2)

Boston 1, 7, 0

New York 0, 2, 0

Nixon (3-0) and White, Lopez

(0-2) and Berra

Washington 5, 12, 2

(Second game)

Schmitz (2-0) and Fitz-

Gerald, Moore, Johnson (7)

and Smith, LP: Moore (0-3)

HR: Sievers (2nd) — United

Press

Football Fans May Think What They Like

Says TOM FINNEY

There seems to be an idea in some quarters that because I have missed a number of games for Preston this season that my football career is over.

Ordinarily this type of rumour doesn't worry me. Football fans are entitled to think what they like. It is a fact that I have suffered a series of thigh and groin injuries over the past two seasons which have certainly affected my appearances. But finished with football? Not if I can help it. I am 33 years of age, and I believe I have another three or four seasons left in me yet. When I do decide to hang up my boots, I want to do it when I am still on top.

It is a fact though, that as soon as a chap reaches 30 he doesn't recover so quickly from injuries as he did when he was 20. I think I have been a little unlucky these past two seasons. But I can think of many other great players who have been a lot luckier. They had to finish with the game through injury when still in their prime.

One who immediately comes to mind is Eddie Kilshaw, Bury's tricky right-winger, who has played about 20 games after he had been transferred to Sheffield Wednesday, when the latter won the title. Eddie had a bad knee, which he injured in a collision with one of his own players. The way he is playing today he is likely to go on for another three years yet.

I think it is a question of an attitude of mind. As long as a player over 30 is enjoying his game there is no need for him to think of retiring. It is when football loses its appeal that he finds it hard work that it is time to finish.

What about Derek Dooey, who shot to fame with Sheffield Wednesday and then had a leg amputated? Then there was Reg Williams, Chelsea's brilliant wing-half, who also had to call it a day when he was injured.

There are other great players who ceased to play in their early thirties of their own accord. Stan Cullis, Cliff Britton and Andy Beattie immediately spring to mind. All three were still full of good football when they retired to take up the managerial side of the game. They were, I feel, a loss from the playing point of view, but when you consider their success as managers who can deny that they took the right step at the right time?

I always remember when I was a young player at Deepdale and Andy Beattie saying to me: "Don't go on till the crowd barrack you, Tom. Go out of the game while they still remember your best days."

Andy did just that. So did Frank Swift of Manchester City. I intend to do the same.

The average football fan doesn't realise just how many games an international footballer crowds into a year. Since I came back from the war in 1946, I have spent my "summer holidays" in the following way:

DEPENDS ON LUCK

But so much depends on luck. If you can steer clear of serious

injury there is no reason why a player shouldn't carry on until he is over 38. Raich Carter, Peter Doherty and Joe Mercer proved they could... and Stan Matthews at 40 is playing if anything even better than before! I recall during the 1950 World Cup series Stan Matthews was 40 and playing better than before. I think he could carry on for another two or three years with luck.

The way he is playing today he is likely to go on for another three years yet.

TOO MUCH FOOTBALL

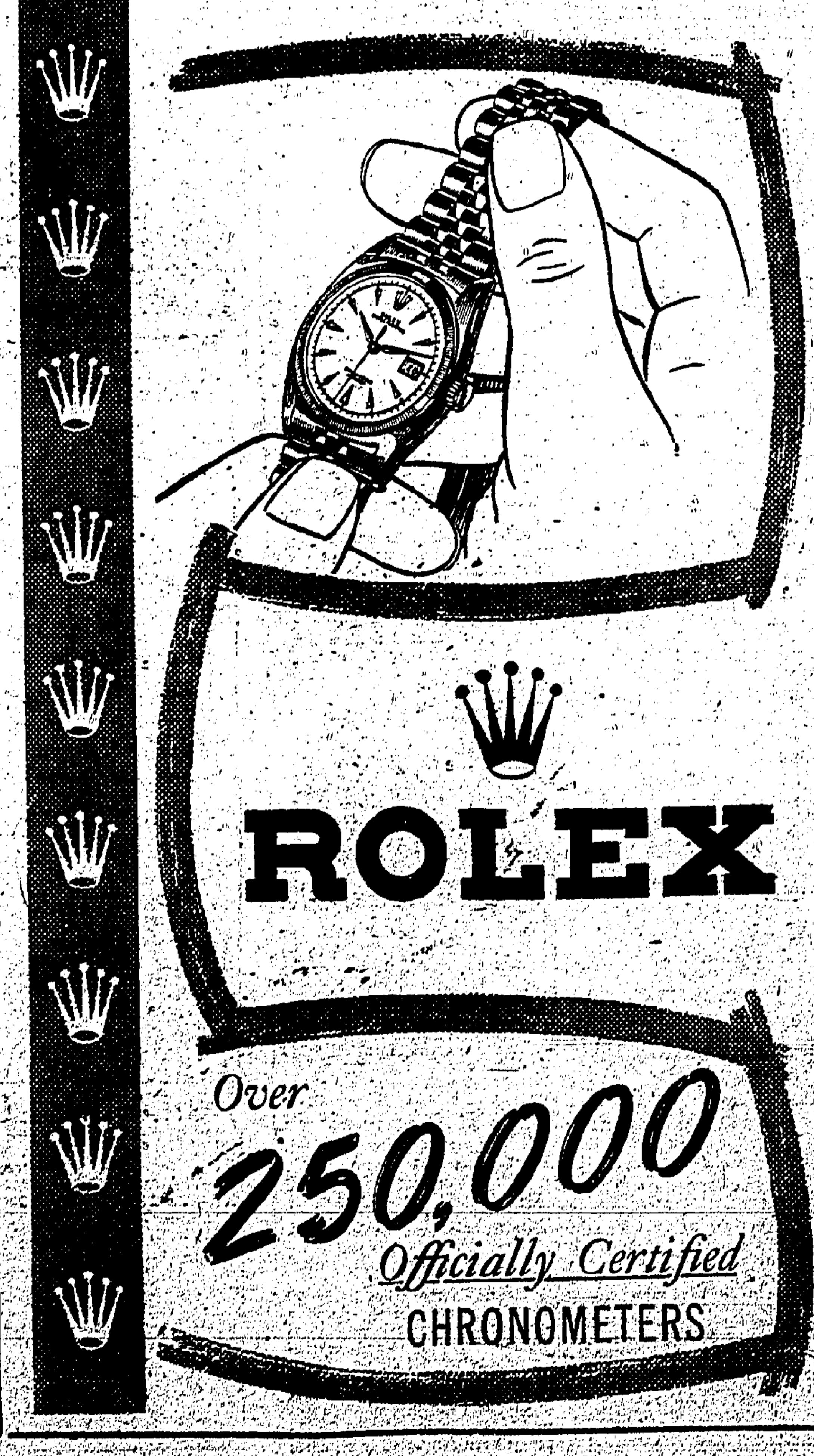
To my mind this is too much football. I think it may well be the cause of my recurrent injuries. So I am at last looking forward to an easier time in Northern Rhodesia with my family. Take it from me, I'll be getting myself fighting fit for next season.

Have you noticed how many penalties have been missed lately? I think perhaps there is too stereotyped an approach to this part of the game. So many chaps try to blast the ball in when often you can score easily with a little guile.

Here's a little dodge well worth trying. As you take the kick, roll the ball a few yards off the "spot" so that one of your team, primed beforehand, can follow up quickly and slam the ball past an astonished goalkeeper from about eight yards range.

It's quite within the rules, and the element of surprise is such that the goalkeeper will almost certainly be still rooted to his goal-line in amazement. It has been done in an exhibition game by Peter Doherty and Raich Carter.

But it has to be a carefully pre-arranged plan to do it.



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Notice is hereby given that
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Yearly Meeting of Share-
holders of the Hongkong
Engineering & Construction
Co., Ltd. will be held at St.
George's Building, Chater
Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong,
on Tuesday, the 26th day of
April, 1955, at 12 Noon, to
receive the Directors' Report
and the Statement of
Accounts, to declare a
dividend and to transact the
ordinary business of the
Company.The Share Transfer Books
of the Company will be
closed, from the 4th April to
28th April, 1955, both days
inclusive.By Order of the Board,
ERNEST SAHMET,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Mar. 1955.

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the wharf's terms and conditions of
storage and where delivery may be
obtained.Damaged packages are to be
repaired by the godown and
the company's surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
on Thursday, 25th April, 1955.No claim will be admitted after
the goods have left the godown and
the company's surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
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Hong Kong 23rd April, 1955.

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Expected To Adopt
F.N. 300 Rifle

London, Apr. 21.

The Belgian FN 300 self-loading rifle, expected to be adopted by all the British Commonwealth armies by the end of this year, is having its "baptism of fire" in Malaya and Kenya.

British troops in both colonial trouble spots are using the rifle as part of extensive "troop trials" to which the simple, light Belgian weapon is being subjected.

In both centres, its issue has meant the parting, for the first time in 50 years, of the British soldier and his "best friend" — the Short Magazine Lee Enfield 303.

OTHER TESTS

While these active service tests are taking place, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa are staging their own tests of the weapon.

Military circles here expect that by the end of the year, all these Commonwealth countries will be using, or preparing to use, the rifle as their standard infantry weapon.

To date, three countries have adopted the FN 300 — Belgium, Britain and Australia. But it is confidently predicted that Canada, New Zealand and South Africa will follow suit when their own trials are completed.

Britain and Australia have announced their intention of manufacturing the rifle and Canada would undoubtedly do the same. New Zealand is able to produce the ammunition, if not the rifle itself.

The British Army expects to have the results of its own trials by the end of the year, when the "green light" should be given for British production of the rifle.

BRITISH ORDER

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of Supply, announced on February 28 that Britain had ordered 14,400 rifles from the Belgian makers, of which 4,800 had been delivered.

There are also high hopes that the FN 300 will be adopted by the United States and other countries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation following the decision of the Atlantic Council, in December, 1953, that the calibre for standard rifle ammunition for member countries would be .300 inches.

Mr. Antony Head, British Minister of War, has said in the House of Commons that there is a "very good chance" of the United States Army adopting the rifle.

It is acknowledged here, however, that there is still a strong preference in sections of the US Army for the T-44, another .300 calibre gun. It is testing both weapons, and military circles here do not expect a definite decision for some time.

These circles state that the United States is already well stocked with the Garand M-1 semi-automatic, and does not need to make a speedy decision.

Britain, on the other hand, has been in urgent need since World War II of a really modern rifle.

The FN 300 is self-loading and can be used as an automatic or for single shots.

As an automatic, it is capable of firing between 650 and 700 rounds a minute. Adjusted for sniping, a trained soldier using single rounds from 20-round magazines can fire 60 aimed shots a minute.

Tests have shown that the .300 is accurate up to a range of 1,093 yards.

From the point of view of safety, the rifle is claimed to be almost foolproof. It cannot be fired until the breech-block is locked, and the breech-block cannot be unlocked until after the bullet has left the barrel.

In its present form the FN 300, without the magazine, weighs nine pounds three ounces. Its overall length is 41½ inches, and the barrel 21 inches.

EASY TO HANDLE

It is well balanced and easy to handle, which is not surprising since its makers, Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, produce some of the world's best-known sporting rifles and shot guns.

The FN's magazine holds 20 rounds and weighs eight and a quarter ounces when empty, and one pound nine-and-a-quarter ounces when full.

When mass-produced in Britain, it is expected to cost about £23 sterling. The Belgian metric measurements have already been converted into inches.

4 Years For
'Colossal
Fraud'

Yiu Lim-kwong, 52, manager

of the Hin Wah Trading
Company, pleaded guilty atthe Victoria District Court
this morning to what was
described by Judge A. D. Scholes as "a colossal fraud"

involving sums totalling

\$800,000.

"Accused" was sentenced to four
years' hard labour. He admitted
one charge of conspiracy to
defraud eight banks and 13
charges of obtaining valuable
securities and monies from the
banks in June and July last
year.Mr. J. W. D. Hobley, Crown
Counsel, prosecuted. Accused
who was not represented by
Counsel, reversed a previous
plea of not guilty this morning
when the hearing was about to
start.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

The conspiracy charge alleged
that Yiu conspired with Tso
Seng-ko, who is not in custody,
to defraud eight banks in Hong
Kong and Singapore of their
money by falsely pretending
to be the buyers of certain documents,
and by falsely pretending
to be the buyers of certain false invoices
and bills of lading, showed that
goods to the value specified inthe false invoices had been
shipped to Singapore. The 13
other charges, related to the
obtaining of securities and
monies from the banks as a
result of the above-mentioned
transactions.In his outline of the case, Mr.
Hobley said the goods accused
were shipped to Singapore consisted
mainly of toothpicks. Whereas
the invoices described the goods
variously as shirts, socks,
harmonicas, mahjong sets and
so forth.The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest
times of direct correspondence
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.The latest posting times for
registered airmail are generally
one hour earlier than the times
shown below. Particulars regard-
ing parcel mail can be ascertained
by enquiry at any post office.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

By Air

Philippines, 3 p.m.

Indonesia, Okinawa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

Thailand, India, Middle East,

Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

U.S.A., 7 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

By Air

Japan, 4 a.m.

Pakistan, Iraq, Lebanon, France,

Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, 9

a.m.

Indo-China, 11 a.m.

Philippines, 11 a.m.

Japan, Hawaii, Noon.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zea-

land, 1 p.m.

Korea, 6 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.

By Milk

MENZIES' WELCOME

Canberra, April 24.

The Australian Prime Minister,

Mr. Robert Menzies, said to-
day: "We are delighted at the pro-
spect" of the forthcoming visit
of the Earl of Home, Britain's new Commonwealth Rela-
tions Minister. It was officially
announced earlier today that
Lord Home would leave on an
extended Commonwealth tour in
August.—Reuters.Bailey submitted the Trial
Judge had entirely mistated the
evidence adduced in regard to
these transactions, and this re-
sulted in the Jury not being able
to judge whether or not Bailey
and his witness had been
telling the truth.Appellant went on to detail
further with the summing-up
referring to S. K. Yee's action
against him in connection with
certain accounts in the United
Chinese Bank, relating to a
transaction in carbon black, and
submitted that the Trial Judge
had failed to bring the facts
before the Jury and had done no
more than put a hypothetical
case which Bailey claimed had
nothing to do with the true
facts.Bailey said he had written to
Mr. Chan after losing his appeal
in the civil action for a docu-
ment listed in Mr. Yee's list of
exhibits. Mr. Chan, furnished a
document which Bailey alleged
was a fake, and said it was a
carbon copy of a document sub-
sequently found in files produced
by the Solicitor-General at the
trial. These files had been pro-
duced by Mr. Chan in proceed-
ings at the Magistracy. Bailey
submitted that the production of
this document proved Mr. Chan's
close association with the United
Chinese Bank, for where else
could he have obtained a carbon
copy, he asked.The Trial Judge had in his
summing-up told the Jury that
he (Bailey) had sent the letter
to Mr. Chan but Bailey said he
had never done so. He sub-
mitted that the entire issue had
been confused by the Trial
Judge.

COURTS QUERY.

The Court enquired why Mr.
Chan should have given Bailey
a letter which Bailey claimed
was a fake.Bailey replied that the original
was not in his keeping. He had
sent the document together with
others to a lawyer in Shanghai
for an opinion, but with the
change of government there, the
lawyer had been detained and
did not return the documents to
Bailey until after the appeal had
been lost. Furthermore, that
document had never been pro-
duced at the hearing of the civil
action or in the appeal, and his
case in these proceedings, Bailey
alleged, had never been properly
put before the Courts.Mr. Justice Gould remarked it
was the most extraordinary
assertion he had ever heard
that a fake document should
have been furnished which had
nothing to do with the case.Bailey claimed that the master
was put to the Jury in such a
way as to have led them to
believe he had given the letter
to either Mr. Sin or Mr. Chan.

The appeal is proceeding.



Queen Elizabeth chats to police dog trainers during her visit to County Police Headquarters while on her tour of Lancashire, the centre of Britain's cotton industries. — Express Photo.

US Cruiser
HereMail
NoticesThe 13,600-ton American
cruiser Baltimore (Capt. C. G.
Carstie) entered port this
morning on a recreational visit.The Baltimore is the name-
ship of her class of 14 ships.
She has an overall length of
674 feet and a width of 71 feet.She carries nine 8-inch and
12.5-inch guns and 52 40-mm
anti-aircraft guns and a heli-
copter.Her complement comprises 73
officers and 930 enlisted men.Leaving port after a recreational
visit here this morning were the
destroyers Gregory, Marshall,
Porterfield and Halsey
Powell, and the destroyer tender
Kamui.The latest times of posting
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ing parcel mail can be ascertained
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Will The Ghost Of The Opera Reappear?

Malta, Apr. 24. Opera "lovers here are hoping that the new Prime Minister, Mr Dominic Mintoff, who is an architect, will see to the rebuilding of the Royal Opera House which was razed during World War II.

With it will rise again, presumably, the "Ghost of the Opera", a hooded figure, believed to be a monk, which reputedly wanders through the corridors late at night.

Many people saw this figure in the old Opera House. One at least saw it fit past him on one occasion.

The apparition is believed to be the ghost of a monk from the nearby Victoria church, who is walking until unsaid Masses for the Dead have been said.

The Opera House ghost is not the only ghost of Malta. The island, indeed, has what is perhaps the only ghost to appear in a police report. It came about like this:

In the village of Mosta, whose cathedral boasts one of the largest unsupported domes in Europe, one of two brothers disappeared mysteriously just before the other emigrated overseas. The next tenants of their house reported to the police that they had heard groans coming from the vicinity of the front doorstep.

HAIRD GROANS

Police who investigated also heard the groans. The front doorstep was taken up, and the bones of a man were found beneath the stones.

A priest, who was called in, performed a service on the spot and the bones were given a Christian burial. No more moans were heard. The Knights Hall, one of the longest rooms in Europe, built on the bastion overlooking the Grand Harbour, was used as a hospital by the Knights of the Order of St John.

Since then, it has been used as a military hospital during World War I, and as a stable and garage by the Malta Police.

At present it is a theatre—with a ghost, unseen but very definitely heard. One man went there recently and hammered on the stage door for admission during an evening dress rehearsal.

Listening at the keyhole, he heard the sound of approaching footsteps, but on looking through he saw that there was no one there. Yet the footsteps came to the door and retreated. No one was seen.

When a stage-hand opened the door, and at least five minutes after the footsteps had faded away, enquired as to their sources, produced yet another ghost story.

It appears that not a few people have heard the footsteps. One frightened stage-hand one night even reported that he had been held back by an unseen hand as he went along the side corridor.

Who or what the ghost is, no one has yet ascertained. But the footsteps are still heard—China Mail Special.

Large-Scale Nuclear Reactor Wanted

Washington, Apr. 24. The Atomic Energy Commission tonight asked private industry to finance and build a new large-scale nuclear reactor by early 1957.

Using a reactor capable of testing larger materials than is now possible, the Commission suggested one with eleven holes ranging from three inches square to nine inches square, with a core flexible enough to insert specimens up to 15 inches in diameter. The plant will be used to determine materials from which to build reactors capable of withstanding terrific radiation in future power installations, the announcement said.

TEST REACTOR

It will be an engineering test reactor to develop reactor components for military and civilian nuclear power projects. The Commission said it would contract with owner and operator for substantial use of the reactor's radiation capacity in its first five years of operation.

Setting up a tight construction schedule, the Commission called for bids by July 1. Construction is envisaged by October and operation by March 1957. —United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BUTLER'S BUDGET A COMPROMISE

N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Apr. 24. Cotton prices operated from a defensive position this week in spasmodically active dealings.

At the close the list showed net losses of 3 to 26 points, or 15 cents to \$1.30, a bale lower than the preceding week.

Cotton contracts dipped to 32.98 cents a pound while the average price for spot cotton at the 10 southern markets went about one-quarter cent a pound under the Government loan rate for those points. Trade buying steadied the market in later trading.

A contributing influence on the decline, market experts thought, was the Agriculture Department's consideration of accepting proposals to allow the swapping of privately owned cotton for cotton held in the Government stocks.

Traders said bearish sentiment increased with Agriculture Secretary Mr. Benson's endorsement of the suggestion by Senator Vandenberg that price supports for cotton be lowered in return for looser Government controls on production.

U.S. Textile Market

New York, Apr. 24. Cotton goods increased in sympathy with the recession of raw cotton last week. The 80-square four-yard, cotton cloth however, steadily maintained at 18.4 cents a yard throughout the week.

Other segments of the grey goods ruled quiet and sheetings were also at concessions. Converters and piece goods buyers continued to operate cautiously while evaluating wholesale and retail business prospects.

A chill descended on new buying interest, brokers said, by retail trade returns showing post-Easter buying in department stores throughout the country last week dropped 13 per cent from a year ago however, sales for the year through April 18 still held six per cent over 1954.

The spectre of Japanese competition continued to feature background market discussion. Influential sources kept urging some sort of quotas on Japanese imports of grey goods and garments. Sunsticicians recalled that in the 1936-37 period Japanese goods imports were close to 150,000,000 yards. —United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 24. The Bank of France statement for the week ended April 14 reads as follows:

Total gold holding 201,281,501,425
Total other currencies 11,048,540,953
Sight deposits abroad 107,330,864,456
Advanced to Curr. 198,000,000
Stable Fund 2,553,523,905,956
Current accounts and deposits 125,629,594,429
Total bills discounted 1,022,000,540,956
—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 24. The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 20 reads as follows:

sterling
Note in circulation 1,752,000,000
Bank of England 22,628,337
Private deposits 341,459,396
Government securities 303,461,522
Other securities 49,575,022
Receipts 28,271,74
—United Press.

U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Apr. 24. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to April 19 were as follows:

British 16,551
Australia 1,201,500
Orient 54,234
Canada 2,623
Total for period 25,515,000
* Excluding United States. —United Press.

Sting Taken From The Socialist's Argument But The City Is Dubious

From Ronald Boxall

London, Apr. 24. Mr Butler's fourth Budget turned out not unexpectedly to be a compromise between economic prudence and political opportunism.

This implies no criticism of the Chancellor's judgment. In the circumstances his policy is no doubt the right one. By giving away half of his prospective surplus (on the basis of existing taxation) he has given the public a measure of tax relief that he hopes will be matched by greater effort. And by retaining the other half he has taken the sting out of the Opposition's argument that he is "bribing" the electorate.

From the political viewpoint Mr. Butler's Budget is unexceptionable. (It will prove difficult for the Socialists to argue on the hustings that the Chancellor has put Tory Party interests before the nation's economic interests and at the same time accuse him of being meanly in his concessions.)

But the Budget is more vulnerable to economic objections. The Chancellor's critics fall into two categories: those who believe that he has been too generous and those who feel that he might have done more. Some commentators seem to hold both these viewpoints at once: but on the whole informed opinion comes down on the side of the "too generous" school.

HAD TO BE SIMPLE

With only two or three weeks left of the life of the present Parliament, the Budget had to be short and simple. Proposals involving complicated fiscal legislation were out of the question.

The Chancellor solved this by concentrating his concessions on income tax. The standard rate was reduced by sixpence to 8s 6d in the pound and adjustments were made in personal and children's allowances to give proportionally greater relief to family men. The only other tax change was designed to help Lancashire in its present difficulties—a reduction in purchase tax on certain textiles.

The result of these changes was to reduce a prospective surplus of revenue over expenditure from £282 million to £148 million. This compares with an estimated surplus of £10 million in 1954/55 and an actual surplus of £433 million.

From the economic viewpoint the tax concessions accord strangely with the situation that has been developing in British economy. In the second half of last year the United Kingdom sunk into deficit on its balance of payments and the deterioration has almost gone, certainly further in the first few months of this year. The root of the trouble is over-consumption at home and to combat it the Chancellor earlier this year twice raised the bank rate and reimposed restriction on hire purchase deals.

PRIME TASK

Why then in a year when the nation's prime task is to raise its exports should the Chancellor give away £134 million to add its weight to the pressure of internal demand?

The purpose of the modern budget is not to achieve a balance between the Exchequer's revenue and expenditure but between supply and demand of national resources. On the demand side the Chancellor estimated that Government expenditure would be "about the same" this year as last; investment would increase "by about the same amount"; stockbuilding "will not take more of our resources than last year"; and personal consumption would rise less rapidly than it did last year. Tallying all these things together Mr. Butler judged that "the increase in home demand should be appreciably less than it has been in the last two years."

On the other hand, he went on, "the scope for increased production is at least as great as it has been in the past, if not greater."

INCREASED PRODUCTION

It comes down to this: with increased production sufficient resources should be available to meet extra demands at home and still leave enough for exports to sustain increases in exports.

Many economists would feel happier about this if the

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$431,925. No new quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARE BUYERS SELLERS SALES BANKS
H.K. Bank 132,154 154 10 1533

East Asia 210

INSURANCES 1025 1040

Lombard 501

SHIPPING 78c

As. Nav. 78c

DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf 78c

Dock 241

Provident (O) 78c

Wheeler 78c

LAND, ETC.

H.K. Hotel 17,20 171 3000 17,13

H.K. Land 631 841 278 631

100 61 100 61

Shai Land 12 12

Humphreys 18,90

UTILITIES

Tram 20,30 20,40 100 20,40

1250 1250 1250 1250

300 300 300 300

Yaumati Ferry 107

C. Light (O) 18 90 17,70

C. Light (N) 18 90 17,70

XD 13,80 14,10 150 13,90

Electric 38 1/4 35 1/2 300 35 1/2

1900 1900 1900 1900

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 20,50

XD 15,70 15,90

STORES, ETC.

Dairy Etc 20 1/2

(N) 145 145 145 145

Watson 1315 1315 1315 1315

COTTONS

Corp. 6,100 5,500 5,500

MISCELLANEOUS

Allied 90 50

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, April 23. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

British Borneo Petroleum
Sundials 10

Consolidated Tin Smelters
Ord. 30 60

Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord. 81 50

Fraser & Neave Ltd. 7 1/2% cum. pref. 85 50

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. 82 67

Malayan Breweries 83 50

Raffles Hotel 82 67

Singapore Gold Storage
Ltd. 81 77

Singapore British Insurance Co. Ltd. 82 60

Strata Trading 82 60

Strata Steamship 82 60

United Engineers Ord. 82 60

Wearne Bros. 81 50

Hongkong Tin Ltd. 78 50

Penang Tin Ltd. 82 60

Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd. 81 38

Kempa Ltd. 81 38

New Serendah Rubber Co. Ltd. 81 38

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY GARDEN PARTY



LEGAL SUBMISSIONS IN NG RE-TRIAL No Jurisdiction By Court Argument Put Forward

A submission that his Lordship, as a member of the Court of Appeals which quashed accused's conviction and ordered his retrial, has no jurisdiction to preside over the new trial was made by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Counsel for the Defence, when Dr Ng Yuk-kun, 49, medical practitioner, appeared before Mr Justice James Wicks, charged with rape, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr Bernacchi further submitted that such prejudice had been aroused in this case that it was almost impossible at this stage for his client to receive a fair trial in Hongkong.

Dr Ng is charged with raping Tam Shun, a 24-year-old spinster at his clinic in Nathan Road, on August 28, 1954.

In his first trial before Mr Justice C.W. Reece, Dr Ng was found guilty by a jury, and sentenced to five years. On appeal to the Court of Appeals, of whom Mr Justice Wicks was a member, the conviction was quashed but the Court ordered a re-trial.

Appearing for accused is Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M.A. da Silva;

The Crown is represented by Mr W.A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr D.F.O. Mayne, Crown Counsel. Det. Inspector W. Watson was present for the Police.

Before a plea was taken from the accused, Mr Bernacchi said he had several points going to the jurisdiction of the Court. He did not purpose to argue whether or not to commit again.

The Bailey appeal and other local news stories will be found on page 8.

authorities to assist the Court but following a discussion with his instructing solicitor they had come to the conclusion that he felt he should ask the Court to adjourn at least until tomorrow morning in order to present his case in a proper way.

JUDGE'S RULING
His Lordship directed Counsel to proceed as best he could.

Following further submissions on these propositions by Mr

ON WAY TO HOME LEAVE

Mr Angus Thuermer, a former Associated Press correspondent who is now American Vice-Consul in Colombo, arrived here in the mv Asia from Ceylon this morning en route home on leave.

Mr Thuermer, who has been in Colombo for the past two years, was accompanied by his wife, the former Miss Alice Alexander, who was also one time an AP editor, and their three small children. They are sailing for San Francisco in the President Wilson early next month.

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Ice Show Cast In Hongkong

Fifty-six members of the cast of the ice show, "Holiday On Ice," arrived here this morning in the mv Asia from Colombo where they had been playing during the last eight weeks.

The group, many of whom played here last year, fly to Manila tomorrow to fulfil an engagement.

The show, which is American managed, has in its cast artists of some 10 different nationalities including British, American, German and Swiss.

Bernacchi and submissions by the Crown in reply, Mr Justice Wicks ruled that he has jurisdiction to preside over the trial and that the trial could properly take place in Hongkong.

A Jury of five men and two women was then empanelled.

Hearing is continuing.

Victor Ardy Returns

Mr Victor Ardy, founder and conductor of the Hongkong Concert Orchestra, accompanied by Mrs Ardy, returned from leave in the Italian River Asia this morning.

Mr Ardy, who had been away for eight months, visited the main musical centres in the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Portugal and Italy. He has brought back the scores of several big musical shows which are still running in many European countries. These include "The King and I," "Salad Days" and "Wedding in Paris."

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Anzac Day Observed

Local members of the Australian and New Zealand Community gathered at the Cenotaph this morning to lay wreaths in commemoration of Anzac Day.

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The first wreath to be laid was the Anzac wreath, by Mr C.W. Greaves, Mr Justice T.J. Gould for the Australian Commonwealth wreath.

The following then laid wreaths: Air Commodore S.E. Faber for the British Legion, Mr P.A. Laroche for the French Ex-service men's Association, Mr H. Worms for the Australian Association of Hongkong, the Hon. Mr Justice T.J. Gould for the New Zealand Association of Hongkong, F/O M. Farrelly for the Australian Combined Services, and Mr M. Hanan for the New Zealand Combined Services.

A bugler from the 1st Bn Essex Regiment then sounded the Last Post which was followed by two minutes silence and the ceremony ended with Reveille.

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Found Hanged In Prison Cell

The Government Public Relations Office has disclosed that early this morning a Chinese was found hanging in a cell at the Victoria Remand Gaol.

Every effort was made to revive him, but after examination by the prison medical officer he was pronounced dead.

This striking half-page picture was taken by a staff photographer during last Thursday's Queen's Birthday garden party at Government House. It shows a section of the huge crowd of guests which thronged the main lawns.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I wouldn't want you two to stop dreaming about owning your own jet plane—I'll take a bus to the store!"

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